



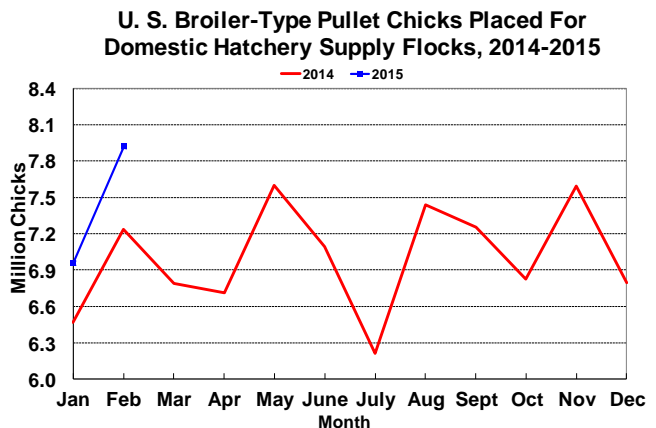
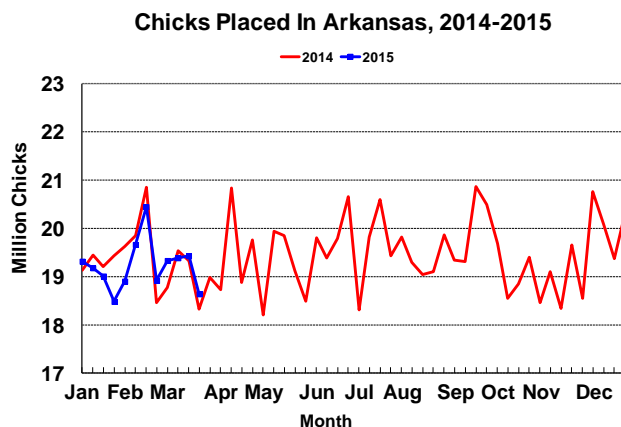
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Arkansas Chick Placements Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 18.6 million during the week ending March 21, 2015. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2014 but down 4 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 21.1 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the same period last year but down 4 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.92 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2015, up 9 percent from February 2014.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 21, 2015 - March 21, 2015

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	21-Feb	28-Feb	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	29,132	29,250	29,323	28,928	29,353	21,761	21,644	21,513	21,971	22,257
Arkansas	22,200	22,058	21,702	21,865	21,083	18,916	19,331	19,387	19,428	18,639
Delaware	4,771	4,903	4,766	4,829	4,578	4,864	5,479	5,200	4,827	5,415
Florida	1,051	1,046	1,068	1,192	1,200	1,020	1,303	1,364	1,163	1,003
Georgia	33,545	33,186	32,574	32,469	32,871	25,608	26,021	26,500	26,063	25,318
Kentucky	7,684	7,821	7,218	7,796	7,767	5,903	6,304	6,058	6,389	6,393
Louisiana	3,833	3,833	3,833	3,817	3,833	3,377	3,356	3,365	3,354	3,355
Maryland	7,621	7,784	7,744	7,751	7,394	6,291	5,864	5,840	6,110	5,623
Mississippi	17,985	17,841	17,576	18,001	17,841	15,065	15,155	14,959	14,928	14,842
Missouri	8,180	8,229	7,810	7,904	8,310	6,149	5,728	6,253	5,879	6,298
N. Carolina	21,079	21,157	20,963	21,386	21,044	16,810	17,335	17,591	16,504	16,672
Oklahoma	6,507	6,615	6,588	6,348	6,568	4,668	4,301	4,079	4,643	4,635
Pennsylvania	4,510	4,451	4,545	4,435	4,486	3,744	3,866	3,949	4,049	4,051
S. Carolina	5,479	5,521	5,590	5,596	5,852	5,069	4,822	4,493	5,138	4,741
Texas	15,277	15,288	15,411	13,745	14,622	12,300	12,366	12,236	12,406	12,703
Virginia	6,604	6,587	6,845	6,615	6,536	4,995	5,207	5,553	5,597	5,661
CA,TN & WV	12,184	12,305	11,941	12,019	11,817	11,265	10,569	11,883	11,293	11,772
19 State Total	207,642	207,875	205,497	204,696	205,155	167,805	168,651	170,223	169,742	169,378
% of Prev. Year	103	102	101	101	102	103	104	104	104	103
Other States	7,977	8,064	8,005	8,302	8,131	6,043	6,338	6,030	6,074	6,251
U.S. Total	215,619	215,939	213,502	212,998	213,286	173,848	174,989	176,253	175,816	175,629

Revisions made to the previous four-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 2 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 213 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 205 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 176 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 21, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through March 21, 2015 for the United States were 1.93 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.